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SUBJECT: PATTERSON KIDNAPPING; MEDIA COVERAGE ON APRIL 1.

1. NEW YORK TIMES WAS ONLY MAJOR PAPER TO CARRY STORY ON KIDNAPPING. THE HEADLINE READ: "U.S. OFFICIALS ISSUE APPEAL IN MEXICO ON MISSING CONSUL." DATELINED HERMOSILLO, MARCH 31, STORY LEAD SAYS: "UNITED STATES OFFICIALS AND THE MEXICAN POLICE APPEALED TO THE PUBLIC TODAY FOR INFORMATION ON THE WHEREABOUTS OF A MISSING AMERICAN DIPLOMAT AND THE IDENTITY OF THE MEN WHO APPARENTLY KIDNAPPED HIM," REPORTS HERMOSILLO CONSULATE "PREPARED TO DISTRIBUTE HUNDREDS OF LEAFLETS CARRYING MR. PATTERSON'S PHOTOGRAPH AND AN APPEAL FOR INFORMATION ON HIS WHEREABOUTS," AND STATES ACTION (SUNDAY) BY U.S. AND MEXICAN OFFICIALS "TENDED TO CONTRADICT RUMORS" THERE THAT DIPLOMAT MIGHT SOON REAPPEAR.

2. LOCAL RADIO STATIONS CARRIED THE SUBSTANCE OF UPI 04:38 AED (T. BERRY) EMPHASIZING THAT ONE AMERICAN WOULD BE KILLED PER WEEK IF THE RANSOM WAS NOT PAID. RUSH

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